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Re WFO airtel to Bureau, dated 10/6/83.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies each of the following listed FD-302's concerning captioned case:

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4) Charles Bartlett on 9/22/83.

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and to ask for his assistance should Corbin call on him. Smith is an aristocrat from Florida, earning his wealth on the stock market. Smith is a former mayor of Palm Beach, ambassador to Cuba, a leader in the Florida State Republican Party, and a supporter of John Kennedy. Corbin was paid for his expenses incurred on this Florida trip by the Reagan/Bush campaign. Because of Corbin's overt support for Reagan, he had no problem with accepting money from the Republican campaign, even though it may have embarrassed the Kennedy family. Bartlett advised that during the campaign of 1980, Corbin had been responsible for having [redacted] prepare a speech for Reagan, then candidate. Corbin boasted that he had turned [redacted] a loyal democrat, to support Reagan. Bartlett did not see it as such, since he knows that [redacted] was far right of Reagan's political beliefs, and at that time, not supporting the democratic nominee. b6 b7C

Bartlett is unfamiliar with Corbin's being responsible for providing any Carter documents to the Reagan/Bush campaign, and believes that if he had, Corbin would have told him. Bartlett described Corbin as being an outspoken individual, who keeps nothing to himself. Bartlett advised that he had numerous contacts with [redacted] since the campaign, and at no time did they discuss Corbin's campaign activities.

Corbin had no contacts in the Carter White House known by Bartlett, however, [redacted] advised Bartlett that [redacted] was employed at the White House during the campaign. [redacted] Pat Lucey, former governor of Wisconsin, running mate to John Anderson, and a close friend of Corbin. Bartlett stated that [redacted] had advised him that the FBI had told him that Corbin had boasted to a friend of his on Capitol Hill that he had secured the Carter debate briefing material for the Reagan campaign.

In early 1981, Bartlett and Corbin attended a White House reception for the Kennedy family, at which a medallion was presented to Ted Kennedy in memory of Robert Kennedy. This medallion was struck by Congress during President Carter's term, however, Carter seemed to be unwilling to present it, since Ted Kennedy was attempting to take the democratic nomination away from Carter.

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Charles Bartlett, writer and a consultant to Payne, Weber, Mitchell, and Hutchins, was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at his business office located at 1019 19th Street, Northwest, Suite 1000, Washinton, D.C. (WDC), telephone 466-2311. After being advised of the nature of the interview, Bartlett provided the following information:

As background information, Bartlett was a newspaper columnist during the 1980 Presidential campaign, working for the Field Newspaper, and syndicated his column in the Washington Star newspaper. Bartlett's career as a columnist ended on his 60th birthday, August 14, 1981. He is currently working with others on legislation which would change the Presidential term to a single six-year term.

Bartlett first met Paul Corbin during the 1960 Presidential campaign, when both were supporting John Kennedy. Bartlett was a close friend of both John and Robert Kennedy. Corbin was a close friend of Robert Kennedy and Steven Smith, brother-in-law of Robert Kennedy. Corbin's close relationship with Robert Kennedy and the Kennedy family stems from the relationship Gertrude Corbin, Paul Corbin's wife, has with Ethel Kennedy, wife of the late Robert Kennedy. Gertrude Corbin had been an unpaid housekeeper for Ethel Kennedy, and assisted her in raising Robert Kennedy's children. In early September, 1980, Corbin expressed his support for Reagan to Bartlett, and because of this, Bartlett introduced Corbin to both [redacted] b6 b7C The introduction took place in September, 1980, at the Republican Campaign Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. Bartlett has respect for Corbin's political acclamation and believed he could help the Reagan campaign. Corbin had previously worked in the Ted Kennedy campaign for Presidential nomination in 1980, and was familiar with a number of Kennedy Democrats who may be supporting Reagan, specifically local union leaders from upstate New York. Corbin kept in touch with Bartlett during the campaign of 1980, and would boast about the things he was doing for Reagan. Corbin advised Bartlett of a trip he was taking to Florida, where he was to speak to retired Jewish democrats living in Miami and Palm Beach condominiums. This was the only trip Corbin went on during the campaign. Prior to Corbin's trip to Florida, Bartlett telephoned Earl Smith in Palm Beach, Florida, to advise him of Corbin

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by SA [redacted] SA

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